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HOUSE RESOLUTION 200
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rear Admiral Barry C. Black for his outstanding service to God, country, and the American people through his distinguished efforts in the United States Navy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in deliberations to recognize those outstanding men and women who faithfully serve both God and country; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black is one such remarkable person who has devoted his life to the service of God and the protection of his country; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, Rear Admiral Black has honorably served as a Chaplain in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black was commissioned as a Navy Chaplain in 1976 and served his first duty with the Fleet Religious Support Activity in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Black has served the United States Navy with bravery and honor in numerous capacities including assignments with Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Maryland; First Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan; Naval Training Center, San Diego, California; *USS Belleau Wood* (LHA 3), Long Beach,

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California; Naval Chaplains Advanced Course, Newport, Rhode Island; Marine Aircraft Group Thirty-One, Beaufort, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Black's exceptional leadership, coupled with his remarkable ability to work well with people from all walks of life, have contributed greatly to the success of his career; and

WHEREAS, these rare abilities have led to leadership posts as Assistant Staff Chaplain, Chief of Naval Education and Training, Pensacola, Florida; Fleet Chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Deputy Chief Of Chaplains; and his current position as Chief of the Chaplain Corps for the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Admiral Black's outstanding service to the U.S. Navy has yielded numerous campaign and service medals, awards, and commendations including the Legion of Merit Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black also had the outstanding honor of being selected from 127 nominees for the 1995 NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to equal opportunity and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Black is not only an outstanding serviceman, he is a dedicated and proficient scholar. He has earned degrees from Oakwood College, Andrews University, North Carolina Central University, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Slave University and the United States International University; Admiral Black has also earned Master of Arts degrees in Divinity, Counseling, and Management; and

WHEREAS, Admiral Black's outstanding proficiency in the realm of academics is also evidenced by his Doctorate degree in Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, motivated by his love for God and country, Rear Admiral Black has served as a U.S. Navy Chaplain in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Black has been influential in the lives of many in the armed services through his compassionate and caring approach to meeting their spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, it is rare that we witness a person so wholly committed to the service of God, country, and his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Rear Admiral Barry C. Black for his outstanding service to God, country, and the American people through his distinguished efforts in the United States Navy,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.